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## House of Representatives

The House met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 18, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAN MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

As we come together for prayer this day, gracious God, we ask Your blessing upon us and upon all people. We know not the petitions of each person, and we know not all the needs. Some seek healing and some seek a new direction; some seek renewal and a great vision; and some seek peace for a troubled soul. Whatever the need, O God, and whatever the circumstance, You have promised to be with us and bless us. For all Your blessings in our lives, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. FIL-

NER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FILNER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3565. An act to amend Part L of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

The message also announced that the Senate passed a bill of the following title, in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1525. An act to provide financial assistance for higher education to the dependents of Federal, State, and local public safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled as the result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 1605) "An Act to establish a matching grant program to help States, units of local government, and Indian tribes to purchase armor vests for use by law enforcement officers."

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 103-227, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individuals to the National Skill Standards Board:

Jon A. Reeves, of Mississippi, Representative of Business;

Ronald K. Robinson, of Mississippi, Representative of Labor; and

Earline N. Ashley, of Mississippi, Representative of Human Resources.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 102-246, the

Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, appoints Bernard Rapoport of Texas to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a term of 5 years.

The message also announced that in accordance with sections 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) as a member of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the Second Session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress, to be held in Barcelona, Spain, May 22-27, 1998.

### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO COMMISSION ON ADVANCEMENT OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 806(c)(1) of Public Law 104-132 and the order of the House Thursday, May 14, 1998, the Speaker on Friday, May 15, 1998, did appoint the following Member on the part of the House to the Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. Robert E. Sanders of Florida.

### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. EDWARDS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. EDWARDS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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